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Dear Fellow Members of the Research Committee:

Quite by accident we have come upon something here at the University of Kansas which I think might be worth some study by the Research Committee. I would like to have your reaction.

The floor on which we play in Koch Auditorium was refinished this season, and instead of sanding the floor and making it lighter, it is now darker than it has ever been. The black lines marking the court were very hard for the players to see against this brown background. The players often complained of being unable to see the lines up the court.

To remedy the situation we had some white show card color put on top of this black line in two-inch squares every six inches. The black line is two inches wide. This gives a dotted line effect, with the two-inch square of white at regular intervals of six inches around the court, at each end for the free throw circles and in the center circle. This show card color is mixed with Lepage's glue, which gives it a very durable wearing quality, and yet is easily removed from the floor when desired by using warm water.

This gives a beautiful effect on the basketball floor and increases the visibility of the court for both the players and the spectators. Persons sitting up in the top balcony can look down now and see the court markings perfectly. The players on the floor are now able to see the lines at a glance. Many people have commented on wonderful improvement we have made on our floor.

I am wondering if this would not be worth consideration of the research committee. It seems to me that many courts, especially where the lighting is poor, could be improved by painting the lines in this manner. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Research Committee,
National Basketball Committee.

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